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For: **METHOD OF ELONGATING OPTICAL FIBER BASE MATERIAL, AND
APPARATUS FOR ELONGATING THE SAME**

Honorable Commissioner of Patents
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits and calculation of the filing fee, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.